

New York State Bethune/Height Recognition Program Celebrated 50 Years of Empowering Dreams!

The New York State sections of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) comprising 17 sections across the state, triumphantly hosted the 50th-anniversary gala of the Bethune/Height Recognition Program (BHRP) on Saturday, May 18th, 2024.



Great Neck, New York May 24, 2024 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - 2024 Theme for the 50th Anniversary of the Bethune/Height Recognition Program (BHRP) "Advancing Our Mission, Strengthening Our Message, Refining Our Method," the event commemorated five decades of the BHRP's unwavering dedication to empowering African American women and girls. Held at Leonard's of Great Neck, NY, the afternoon celebration brought together distinguished guests, community members, and program beneficiaries. The spirit of unity, reflection, and inspiration filled the room as attendees acknowledged the BHRP's significant impact over the past half-century.

Keynote Address by Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd The esteemed Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd, a distinguished scientist, engineer, civic leader, and lifelong advocate for STEM education, served as the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Boyd's impressive background includes her tenure as the **former national president of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. from 2000 to 2004** and her role as the **former president of Alabama State University**. Her inspiring address resonated with the audience, emphasizing the importance of continued progress for African American women and girls.

Leadership and Recognition Johnnie M. Walker & Dawna M. Fields, National BHRP Co-Chairs, alongside Carol E. Moore, NYS BHRP Chair, and Gladys Keller & Evelyn Kinsey, NYS Luncheon Co-Chairs, led the organization of this historic event.

Memorable moments;

Rev. Dr. Gwendolyn Elizabeth Boyd with New York State Section members from National Council of Negro Women, Inc affiliate organization **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.**

NCNW National Chair; **Dr. A. Lois Keith** with New York State Section members from National Council of Negro Women, Inc affiliate organization **Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated**

The incredible **Daisy Shavers**, who at 104 years old remains an active and inspiring member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Her dedication and spirit are a testament to the power of community and commitment.

A Commitment to Continued Impact The BHRP Gala serves as the pinnacle fundraising event for the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) by the New York State NCNW sections as a whole. Funds raised will directly support programs and services dedicated to empowering African American women and girls throughout the state. The 17 participating sections are:

- Brooklyn
- Co-op City
- East Bronx
- Flatbush
- Hudson Valley
- Huntington
- Long Island Cross County
- Manhattan
- Metropolitan Women's Network
- Midwood & Vicinity
- Nassau County
- North Bronx
- Staten Island
- Queens County
- Suffolk County
- Syracuse
- Westchester

Looking Forward The 50th-anniversary celebration marked a significant milestone for the BHRP. The event not only commemorated the program's past achievements but also fueled the organization's passion and commitment to shaping a brighter future for generations to come.

About the Bethune/Height Recognition Program (BHRP) The Bethune/Height Recognition

Program is the signature National Fundraiser of the NCNW, exclusively hosted by the New York State sections. For 50 years, the BHRP has been a driving force in empowering and supporting African American women and girls.

Full list of NCNW Affiliate organizations:

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

American Federation of Teachers Auxiliary to the National Medical Association, Inc.

Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc.

Chums, Inc.

Continental Societies, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority

Iota Phi Lambda Sorority, Inc.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc.

Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of Peter Claver

Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority

Las Amigas, Incorporated

Les Gemmes, Inc.

National Assoc. of Negro Business & Prof. Women's Clubs

National Association of University Women

National Bar Association, Women Lawyers Division

National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

National Coalition of 100 Black Women

National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

National Delicados, Inc.

Order of Eastern Star

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc.

National Women of Achievement, Inc.

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.

Swing Phi Swing, Social Fellowship, Inc.

Tau Gamma Delta Sorority, Incorporated

The Charmettes, Inc.

The House of the Lord Churches,

National Department of Women's Work

The Links, Incorporated and Links Foundation, Incorporated

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD)

Women's Home & Overseas Missionary Society,

AME Zion Church Women's Missionary Council,

CME Church Women's Missionary Society,

AME Church

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.



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